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CABINET

18/09/2017 at 6.00 pm



Oldham
Council

Present: Councillor Jabbar (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Brownridge, Chadderton, Harrison,
F Hussain and Moores

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stretton.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harrison declared a pecuniary interest at Items 7 and 16 Counthill, Moorside: Selection of Preferred Developer for Residential Development by virtue of owning a property adjacent to the development. Councillor Harrison left the room and took no part in voting thereon.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2017 be approved as a correct record.

6 **ADOPTION NOW REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director Children's Social Care and Early Help which sought approval for the Oldham Adoption Service to become part of the formally established Adoption North west, Regional Adoption Agency (Adoption NoW, RAA).

It was reported that The Education and Adoption Act 2016 required Local Authority adoption services to regionalise by 2020. In response to the legislation, the Council, as a result of discussions between adoption leads from a number of agencies, entered into a partnership comprising two voluntary agencies and six local authorities initially operating as West Pennine. Following consultation, the RAA was rebranded as Adoption NoW, and would create a single regional service operating across six Local Authority areas in partnership with two voluntary agencies.

Approval was given by the Leaders, Lead Cabinet Members and Directors of Children's Services of the six Councils for the development of a Regional Adoption Agency bid which was successful and funding was provided by the Department for Education to formally establish the Regional Adoption Agency. Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – To support the establishment of the Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency and the proposed creation of a Regional Adoption Agency Steering Committee. The proposal

would be consistent with the Greater Manchester devolution aims for collaboration, the move towards increase collaboration between North West Authorities and the Governments agenda to establish regional adoption agencies.

Option 2 – Not to support the proposals for the formal establishment of the Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 15 of the agenda, before making a decision.

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COUNTHILL, MOORSIDE: SELECTION OF PREFERRED DEVELOPER FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

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Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Economy and Skills which provided details of the outcome of the selection process for a developer of the former Counthill School site.

An Expression of Interest (EOI) was published in July 2016, and following careful evaluation and consideration of all responses, 6 companies were invited to the Invite To Tender stage (ITT). Evaluation of the bids was in line with the report submitted to Cabinet in August 2014 and the bids were assessed against a combination of quality and price criteria. The information in relation to the submission of the bids was detailed at paragraph 2.6 of the report.

In addition to the capital payment for the site, each bidder was also required to allocated £100,000 towards highways improvements to Haven Lane and Counthill Road and would be required to provide parking for users of the sports hall on Counthill Road to alleviate parking problems in the locality.

Option/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – Appoint Redrow Homes to develop the site as proposed within their bid. This would enable 60 high quality homes to be built.

Option 2 – Do not appoint. The site could be remarketed, resulting in lengthy delay and further cost with no guarantee that the Council would receive a better offer.

Option 3 – Do nothing and leave the site vacant.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information as detailed at Item of the agenda before making a decision.

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NSL PARKING ENFORCEMENT / SERVICE CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods, which sought approval to extend the NSL Parking Management and Enforcement contract period for a further two years from the 25th June 2021 to 25th June 2023 as provided for in the original contract.

In March 2017, the Council agreed an approved budget proposal to initiate bus lane enforcement. Due to required



highway infrastructure and ICT interface works it was projected that bus lane enforcement would commence in September 2017.

As part of the further two year extension to the existing contract, NSL would agree to finance the capital and revenue costs associated with the installation of the camera system via Siemens Zenco Lane Watch, NSL would also fund the additional costs for interface back to office systems.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – The Council's parking service funds the bus lane camera costs as detailed within the report for 4 additional cameras, as a one off capital cost. In addition the Council's parking service would have to self-fund the associated revenue costs per annum.

Option 2 – NSL funds the bus lane camera costs as detailed in the report with the Council reimbursing NSL monthly through the contract valuations to the current expiry date 25th June 2021.

Option 3 – The Council accepts NSL's commercial offer as detailed in Section 4 of the report, whereby NSL provides the investment, subject to receiving an extension to their existing contract to 25th June 2023 for a further two years as provided for in Section F8 of the original contract agreement.

RESOLVED – That Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information as detailed at Item 17 of the agenda before making a decision.

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WELL NORTH COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing which sought approval to enter into a collaboration agreement with the Public Health England funded programme, Well North to enable a local programme to continue to implementation stage.

Well North was a strategic collaboration between Public Health England, the University of Manchester and nine lead Local Authorities for areas across the north of England.

The Vision of Well North was to transform neighbourhoods into dynamic communities in which local people can live, work and thrive. The local programme of Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition was focused around developing a programme of activity on the growing food economy in Oldham.

Supporting both the Well North focus of collaborating with communities and Oldham's co-operative approach, the local programme was being led by the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership, working together to support key food priorities for Oldham and to drive a sustainable co-operative approach to food.

Options/Alternatives

Option 1 – Enter into the collaboration agreement between Oldham Council and Well North. This would commit the Council formally to the Well North programme and enable phase 1 funding to be used in the implementation stage. It would also formalise the relationship and involvement between Oldham Council and the Well North Programme which started in July 2015.

Option 2 – Do not enter into the collaboration agreement Oldham Council and Well North.



RESOLVED – That:

1. Authority be given to enter into the collaboration agreements between Oldham Council and Well North.
2. The co-operative approach and collaboration between partners through the Growing Oldham: Feeding Ambition Partnership, and the role of the Council as an accountable body in this arrangement be noted.
3. Authority be given to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing for future decisions in relation to the finances of the Well North programme.

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REQUEST AN EXEMPTION TO CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO KEYRING

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing which sought approval for an exemption to the Contract Procedure Rules to award a contract to Keyring Living Support Networks.

The report provided details of the benefits to the Borough of this unique service delivery model, which enabled vulnerable people across the Borough to continue to receive support that would enable them to live independently and contribute positively to their community.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – Allow the contract to expire on 31st August 2017. This was not regarded as a beneficial option for the council given the service successfully manages a demands away from higher cost interventions.

Option 2 – Tender the service. This was not regarded as a beneficial option for the Council due to the bespoke nature of the model, the consistently high quality of service and the proven commitment of the organisation to work with the Council.

Option 3 – To seek an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to award a contract to Keyring Living Support Networks at the current contract charges.

Option 4 – To seek an exemption from the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to award a contract to Keyring Living Support Networks at a block contract value.

RESOLVED – That:

1. An exemption from the contract procedure Rules to award a contract to KeyRing Living Support Networks be approved.
2. A contract be awarded to KeyRing Living Support Networks on or after 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018 at the current contract charges.

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INCOME STRATEGY 2018/19 TO 2021/22

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which set out the Council's strategy for income generation for the current medium term financial planning period (2018/19 to 2021/22).

The proposed income strategy set out in the report covered all material sources of revenue which finance day to day service

provision including, Government Grants, Council Tax, Business Rates, Fees Charges and other contributions.

The strategy also considered investment opportunities, opportunities relating to trading service and chargeable activities and the process for setting charges and collection efficiency.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – Approve the income strategy for Oldham Council for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22.

Option 2 – Not to approve the income strategy for Oldham Council for the period 2018/19 to 2021/22.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The strategic objectives set out in Section 2.1 of the report be approved.
2. Measures to increase Council Tax and Business Rates revenue as set out in 2.3 and 2.4 of the report be approved.
3. The creation of robust arrangements for undertaking due diligence and assessing risks in relation to new investment proposals to address the issues as set out at paragraph 2.6.5 be approved.
4. Measures to rationalise the Council's existing property holdings including developing a high level Medium Term Property Strategy and Asset Management plan be approved. Continued efforts to review all traded services and chargeable activities be approved.
5. Measures to improve collection efficiency, in particular measures to switch income collection away from billing/sundry debtors towards upfront payment services be approved.
6. The development of delivery plans aligned to the strategic objectives as set out in the report be approved.

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REVENUE MONITOR AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2017/18 QUARTER 1 – JUNE 2017

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Finance which provided Cabinet with an update on the Council's 2017/18 forecast revenue budget position and the financial position of the Capital Programme as at 30th June 2017, together with the revised capital programme of 2017/21, as outlined in section 2 of the report at Annex 2.

The current forecast outturn position for 2017/18 was a projected favourable variance of £0.152m after allowing for approved and pending transfers to and from reserves.

The original Capital Programme for 2017/18 totalled £69.783m, the revised capital programme as at quarter 1 taking into account approved carry forwards, approved new schemes and variations and proposed variations gave projected revised expenditure of £84.389m.

It was noted that the forecast position would change significantly before the years end with additional re-profiling to future years.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – To approve forecast revenue and capital positions presented in the report including proposed changes.

Options 2 – To approve some of the forecasts and changes included within the report

Options 3 – Not to approve any of the forecasts and changes included in the report.



RESOLVED – That:

1. The forecast revenue outturn for 2017/18 at Quarter 1 being a £0.152m under spend.
2. The forecast positions for both the HRA and Collection Fund be approved.
3. The use of reserves as detailed in Appendix 1 to Annex 1 of the report be approved.
4. The revised capital programme for 2017/2021 as at Quarter 1 be approved.
5. The allocation of grant funding totalling £0.209m to Adult Social Care in month 4 be approved.

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COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT JUNE 2017

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Head of Business Intelligence which provided a review of Council performance for June 2017.

The report provided the Cabinet with an overview of the Council's performance against priorities outlined within the Corporate Plan, which had been monitored in the period April to June 2017.

It was reported that of the rated measures detailed within the report 56% had met the target and 88% of the Corporate Plan Actions for this month were on track or had been met.

Options/Alternatives considered

To note the Council performance April to June 2017.

RESOLVED – That the Council Performance Report June 2017 be noted.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

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ADOPTION NOW REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 6 – Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The formal establishment of the Adoption NoW Regional Adoption Agency be approved.

2. The creation of a Regional Adoption Agency Steering Group be approved.
3. The delegated authority be given to the Lead Member for Safeguarding, Councillor Harrison for any decisions required as the Regional Adoption Agency continued to develop.

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COUNTHILL, MOORSIDE: SELECTION OF PREFERRED DEVELOPER FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Harrison declared a pecuniary interest at Items 7 and 16 Counthill, Moorside: Selection of Preferred Developer for Residential Development by virtue of owning a property adjacent to the development. Councillor Harrison left the room and took no part in voting thereon.

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 16 - Counthill, Moorside: Selection of Preferred Developer for Residential Development.

RESOLVED – That:

1. A contract be awarded to Redrow Homes as the preferred bidder for the development at the Counthill site.
2. The finalisation of the legal documentation be delegated to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Director of Economy and Skills and the Director of Legal Services or his nominated representative to be authorised to seal the development agreement any incidental and ancillary documentation referred to in this report.
3. Recommendation 3 of the commercially sensitive report is agreed.

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NSL PARKING ENFORCEMENT / SERVICE CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 17 - NSL Parking Enforcement / Service Contract.

RESOLVED – That an extension to contract period for the NSL Parking Enforcement/Service for two years until to 25th June 2023 be approved.

The meeting started at 18.00 and finished at 18.22.

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